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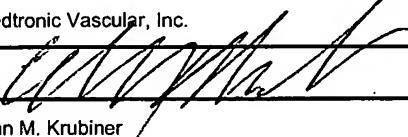
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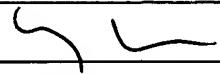
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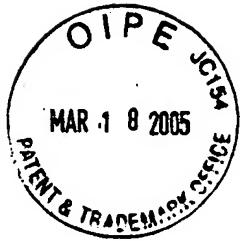
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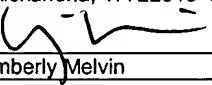
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In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, Applicants respond as follows. Also please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.